

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were CFO Michael Marinaccio and Director of Public Works Todd Rolland.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items: None.

Correspondence: N/A

Selectmen's Update:

Recreation Facebook Page:

Director of Public Works Todd Rolland requested on behalf of new Recreation Coordinator Chris Boucher authorization to create a Recreation Facebook page with the same perimeters as the Town of Somers Facebook page.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the creation of a Recreation Facebook page, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Agreement with Eastford Fire & Rescue:

Ms. Pellegrini presented the Eastford Fire & Rescue Ambulance Agreement to the Board of Selectmen with a request for authorization to sign it.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Eastford Fire & Rescue Ambulance Agreement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mattress recycling:

The Town received an announcement from (DEEP) Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding an invitation to sign up for the State of CT Mattress Recycling Program which will take effect on May 1, 2015. This will enable the Town to eliminate mattress disposal fees at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to have the Town of Somers join the State of Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

(POCD) Plan of Conservation and Development extension update:

Ms. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen that an extension letter request was submitted to the State to allow for additional time to review the POCD.

DOT Installation of Center Line Rumble Strips:

Ms. Pellegrini received notification from the Department of Transportation asking if the Town of Somers would like to be considered as a candidate town for installation of center line rumble strips on specific roads. The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion regarding the benefits on the center line rumble strips and would like to be considered pending review from the Department of Public Works.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have the Town of Somers be considered by the DOT as a candidate town for the installation of center line rumble strips pending further review from the Department of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Camp Ayapo: See Boards & Commissions Section below.

Charter Revision:

Commission Member Selection & Resolution:

Ms. Pellegrini requested that the Board of Selectmen approve the Resolution Establishing the Somers Charter Revision Commission and requested a Charter Revision Commission be appointed.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing the Somers Charter Revision Commission, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the following as members to the Charter Revision Commission,

Bradley Pellissier

Ralph Williams

Tim Potrikus

Keith Burger

Erik Ness

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Fibertech Agreement:

Ms. Pellegrini presented a draft agreement between the Town and Fibertec Networks in conjunction with the Nutmeg Network to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the agreement pending approval of the Town Attorney.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Fibertech Network agreement pending the Town Attorney's approval, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Facilities Agreement:

The Selectmen discussed a closing policy for the Senior Center and Senior buses during inclement/extreme cold weather. In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our Senior Community it was decided to have the Senior Center and Senior Bus follow the BOE closings and delays directive.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have the Senior Center and Senior Buses follow the BOE closing and delay directive to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our Senior Citizens, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

CIP:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following CIP project requests; Fire/Ambulance Radio System upgrades in the amount of \$11,302.99 and Police Radio Systems upgrades in the amount of \$36,103.21, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Lighting Upgrades:

Director of Public Works Todd Rolland requested permission to join the CL&P Small Business Energy Advantage Program to upgrade the following: Fire Department interior lighting and exterior lighting, Senior Center exterior lighting, Kibbe Fuller interior and exterior lighting and Town Hall exterior lighting. Mr. Rolland requested authorization to sign the agreement with CL&P for the CL&P Small Business Energy Advantage Program upgrades.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize Director of Public Works Todd Rolland to sign the Agreement with CL&P for the CL&P Small Business Energy Advantage Program for the above listed upgrades, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire Robert Doucette as a temporary seasonal part time snow fighter, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ms Pellegrini shared with the Board that Donna Hanks notified the CFO on December 23, 2014 that she will be resigning effective January 9, 2015 as she has obtained a position in the Town of Ellington.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Donna Hanks with thanks for service and best wishes in her new job, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Pellegrini explained there is a need for more senior bus drivers to serve as backup drivers and requested authorization to advertise the position.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the senior bus driver job advertisement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards & Commissions/Appointments & Resignations:

Resignations

CIP Committee:

Ms. Pellegrini submitted her resignation from the CIP Committee.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini from the CIP Committee, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Chairman Robert Minch resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mrs. Devlin accepted the resignation of Mr. Robert Minch from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Appointments:

CIP:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint CFO Michael Marinaccio to the CIP committee, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Reappointments:

Conservation Commission: the Board of Selectmen tabled this item.

EDC:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Mr. Timothy Potrikus to the Economic Development Commission as a full member with a term expiration of 12/22/2019, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Victoria Clark to the Economic Development Commission as an alternate member with a term expiration of 12/22/2016, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Planning:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Adam Van Wingerden to the Planning Commission as a full member with a term expiration of 12/22/2018, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed the ZBA membership and did not reappoint Ms. Barbara Flebotte to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Advisory Committee to the Selectman - Camp Ayapo Strategic Planning Committee

Appointments:

Paul Rasid
Bradley Pellessier
Barbara Capuano
Steve Squillace
Tom Van Tassel
Timothy Welch
Rob Hartman
Michelle Young
Selectman Liaison- Selectman Kathy Devlin
DPW Liaison- Director of Public Works Todd Rolland

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the above mentioned members to the Camp Ayapo Strategic Planning Committee with a term expiration of 1 year ending on 12/22/2016, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Budget: N/A

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$221,169.53, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Minutes:

Regular BOS 10/30/14 Minutes

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the 10/30/14 Regular BOS Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Special BOS 11/3/2014 Minutes

Special BOS 11/4/2014 Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 11/3/2014 Special BOS Minutes and the 11/4/2014 Special BOS Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Regular BOS 11/13/2014 Minutes

Special BOS 11/20/2014 Minutes

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the 11/13/2014 Regular BOS Minutes and the 11/20/14 Special BOS minutes, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Special BOS 11/25/2014 Minutes

Special BOS 11/26/2014 Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 11/25/2014 Special BOS Minutes and the 11/26/2014 Special BOS Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Special BOS Joint Meeting with the Cemetery Committee 12/11/2014 Minutes at 1:00pm

Special BOS 12/11/2014 Minutes following the 1:00pm meeting

Special BOS 12/15/2014 Minutes

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the 12/11/2014 1:00pm Special BOS Joint Meeting with the Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes, the 12/11/14 Special BOS Meeting immediately following the before mentioned 1:00pm Meeting Minutes and the 12/15/14 Special BOS Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Special BOS 12/18/2014 Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 12/18/2014 Special BOS Meeting Minutes with the following correction made to the minutes “Boards and Commissions Ethics Commission Amanda Vesce’s term expiration date should state 12/22/16 not 12/22/15”, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.